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2	CHRISTINE MOSKOWITZ and DAVID  WOOD, individually and on behalf of all others ) No. C07- similarly situated,	1270 JCC		
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6	MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington ) corporation, )			
7	7 Defendant.			
8	ROBERT LING, III, individually and on behalf ) No. C07-	1271 JLR		
9	of all others similarly situated,			
10	Plaintiff,			
11	1 v. ')			
12 13	corporation,			
	Defendant.			
14 15	JUSTIN HANSON, individually and on behalf of)	1295 JLR		
16	6 Plaintiff,			
17	7 v.			
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20	Defendant.			
21	THIS MATTER having come on before the above-entit	led Court and the Court		
22	2 having reviewed the files and records herein and being fully ap	having reviewed the files and records herein and being fully apprised in the premises, now,		
23	3 therefore,			

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that there are five related putative class action lawsuits (the "Actions") presently pending before this Court:

Torres v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1121	7/18/2007	Hon. John C. Coughenour
Carlie v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1132	7/19/2007	Hon. Marsha J. Pechman
Moskowitz v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1270	8/14/2007	Hon. John C. Coughenour
Ling v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1271	8/14/2007	Hon. James L. Robart
Hanson v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1295	08/20/2007	Hon. James L. Robart

Plaintiffs in all five of these putative class action lawsuits seek to represent substantially the same proposed class of people for essentially the same claims. The five putative class action lawsuits are based on similar factual allegations and are asserted against the same defendant, Microsoft Corporation. Through the present motion, the plaintiffs in these actions, Luis Torres, Steve Carlie, Christine Moskowitz, David Wood, Heidi Ling, and Justin Hanson (collectively, "Plaintiffs"), jointly seek to have their separate actions consolidated pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that

(1) The five causes of action listed above are hereby consolidated for all
purposes pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 42(a) under United States
District Court Western District of Washington at Seattle Master Cause No
Every pleading filed in the consolidated action shall bear only that cause number, and the
files of these consolidated actions shall be maintained in one file under Master Cause No
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1	(2)	With	out prejudging the propriety of class certification	on, the Court hereby
2	appoints the following firms as interim class counsel pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil			
3	Procedure, Rule 23(g)(2):			
4		(a)	Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;	
5		(b)	Chitwood, Harley, Haynes LLP	
6		(c)	Wasserman, Comden & Casselman, LLP;	
7		(d)	Keller Rohrback, L.L.P.;	
8		(e)	Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP;	
9		(f)	The Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA; a	nd
10		(g)	Krause Kalfayan Benink & Slavens, LLP.	
11	(3)	(3) The leadership structure proposed by Plaintiffs is hereby approved as		
12	follows:			
13	Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel			
14			Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;	
15	Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel			
16			Chitwood Harley Harnes, LLP; and	
17			Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA;	
18	Executive Committee -			
19			Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;	
20			Chitwood Harley Harnes, LLP;	
21			Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA;	
22			Kabateck Brown Kellner, LLP;	
23			Keller Rohrback, LLP;	
	TO CONSOL	IDATE,	O) GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' JOINT MOTION APPOINT INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL, ED LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE - 4	Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

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1	Krause Kalfayan Benink and Slavens, LLP; and			
2	Wasserman Comden & Casselman, LLC.			
3	(4) Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall be responsible for communications with			
4	Defendant's counsel, so that Defendant's counsel's communications to Plaintiffs' Liaison			
5	Counsel shall be deemed for all purposes as having been conveyed to all Plaintiffs' counsel			
6	listed in this Order.			
7	(5) Any subsequently filed complaints asserting similar claims shall be			
8	consolidated herewith for all purposes and subject to this Order.			
9	(6) Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint shall be filed and served no later than			
10	fourteen (14) days from the date the Court enters this Order.			
11	(7) Defendant's response to Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint shall be filed no			
12	later than thirty (30) days after the filing and service of Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint.			
13	DATED THIS, 2007.			
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15	United States District Judge			
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17	Presented By:			
18	DAVIS WRIGHT TREMAINE LLP Counsel for Defendant Microsoft Corporation			
19	By <u>/s/Stephen M. Rummage</u>			
20	Stephen M. Rummage Cassandra Kinkead			
21	Of counsel:			
22	Charles B. Casper			
23	MONTGOMERY, McCRACKEN, WALKER & RHOADS, LLP			
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I hereby certify that on August 31, 2007, I presented the foregoing Order (Proposed) Granting Plaintiffs' Joint Motion to Consolidate Related Cases; Appoint Interim Class Counsel; Approve Proposed Leadership Structure; and Schedule Consolidated Complaint to the Clerk of the Court for filing and uploading to the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following persons:

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DATED this 31st day of August, 2007.

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